

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



American Hornbeam
Carpinus caroliniana

The American Hornbeam is a deciduous tree, and is a native to Mexico and Eastern North America. The leaves are ovate to four inches and taper to a pointed tip. They are double-toothed and dark green. The bark is gray, smooth, and fluted. This tree is very similar to the beech, but can be distinguished by its fruit (a nut with two or three lobed bracts). The American Hornbeam is found in moist woods, riverbanks, and swamps. The columnar varieties grace many downtown streets.

Picture courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

Happy 2000! With the new year underway, now is a great time to look forward. Many communities and groups, including the Washington Community Forestry Council, are planning Millennium tree planting projects to commemorate this historic time. Now is a great time for you to get involved and make your mark on the future. Some Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program projects we are excited about include: the 2000 Community Forestry Assistance Grants, a Millennium Planting Project, a tree care seminar, a renewed commitment to educating and assisting the citizens and communities of Washington, and many more. Let's get out there and spread the word about the benefits of trees in our cities in 2000! -Sarah

Tree Line USA Awards Double in 1999

The Urban and Community Forestry Program is pleased to recognize four utilities for their efforts in receiving the Tree Line USA Award. Chelan County PUD and Peninsula Light Company are receiving the award for the second year; and Benton County PUD and Clark County PUD are both first time recipients. The National Arbor Day Foundation founded this award to recognize utilities for national leadership in utility arboriculture while meeting service objectives. Applying utilities are required to meet three criteria: formally adopt quality tree care practices, document annual worker training, and carry out tree planting and public education activities. For more information on Tree Line USA, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Urban Forestry Grants Available for 2000

The 2000 Community Forestry Assistance Grants are just around the corner. There is approximately \$80,000 available for community forestry projects. The maximum amount to be requested for any project is \$10,000. All grant dollars must be matched on a one-to-one basis with hard dollars or in kind contributions. Eligible grantees include municipalities of any size, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, and educational institutions. The grant applications will be available in January 2000, with the final application due in March. Please call the Urban and Community Forestry Program at 1-800-523-8733 to be added to the mailing list, or obtain a copy online after January 7, 2000, at <http://www.wa.gov/dnr/htdocs/rp/urban/urban.htm>.

Date Correction: Grant Writing Workshops

The Urban and Community Forestry Program will be hosting three regional grant writing workshops. The first will be held February 2, 2000, in Ellensburg, the second on February 3, in Spokane. The third workshop will be February 9, in Tacoma (not the 10th as reported in the December TreeLink). These half-day workshops will cover topics such as deciding on a project to apply for, describing projects in a compelling manner, working out budgets, and administering money once the grant is awarded. To register, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Northwest Flower and Garden Show

For those of you with the midwinter blues, the Northwest Flower and Garden Show is for you! Held at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle, February 2-6, this show features numerous display gardens, booths, 125 free seminars and demonstrations, and is a great opportunity to see the latest in tree and plant materials. For more information, including the complete show schedule, ticket prices, advanced ticket purchase options, and other information, please contact the Northwest Flower and Garden Show office at (206) 789-5333 or visit them on the web at www.gardenshow.com.

Community Forestry Field Day

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is planning a Community Forestry Field Day to be held this spring. The City of Chehalis will be hosting this event at Recreation Park scheduled for Saturday, March 18, 2000. Topics will include tree planting, tree selection, pruning techniques, soil properties, hazard tree evaluation, fertilizers/pesticides, and "How Communities Care for Their Trees" which will include tree ordinances, tree boards, etc. Beginning at 9 a.m., the concurrent sessions will continue throughout the day. A complete schedule of the day's events and registration materials will be available soon. Please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733, for more information.

In the works (continued)

"A country without children would face a hopeless future. A country without trees is almost as hopeless."

- Theodore Roosevelt

TRIVIA: An acre of fully stocked forest will remove _____ tons of carbon dioxide per year.

(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington state.

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Island Northwest Tree, Turf & Landscape Conference

The Inland Northwest Tree, Turf & Landscape Conference is an educational program designed for landscape architects, pest control companies, arborists, nursery employees, educators, Master Gardeners, and others involved in grounds maintenance. The conference is being held at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, February 3 and 4, 2000. For more information or registration materials, please call WSU Conferences & Institutes at (509) 335-3530 or 1-800-942-4978. Materials also available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Professional Landscape Technician Seminar

Washington Association of Landscape Professionals (WALP) and the WSU Cooperative Extension are cosponsoring the Professional Landscape Technician Seminar Series. The topic for January is Plant Sensitivity and will be instructed by Janet Sears of the Clover Park Technical College. The classes will be held January 5, in Lakewood; January 12, in Bellevue; and January 19, in Everett. Registration must be in one week prior to the seminar, and registration information is available by calling Marlene Allen at (425) 357-6019.

Building *With* Trees National Conference

The National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) and the National Association of Home Builders are presenting the Building *With* Trees National Conference. This three day conference will be held March 13-15, 2000, at the Arbor Day Farm in Nebraska City, Nebraska. This annual conference will focus on how to save trees during building and land development. Potential attendees include developers, builders, construction managers, landscape architects, planners, arborists, urban forestry consultants, engineers, architects, real estate professionals, landowners, elected officials, educators, and anyone else interested in learning more about tree protection. This conference has been approved by the Society of American Foresters and the International Society of Arboriculture for continuing education credits. For more information, contact the NADF at 1-888-448-7337 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central Time, or by e-mail at conferences@arborday.org.

Forever Green: Community Forestry in Washington State. A video produced by the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program for the National Urban Forest Conference held in Seattle last summer is now available for loan. The 12-minute video visits several Washington Communities and showcases recent community forestry successes around the state. Please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE to borrow a copy.

January

- 7 Urban Forestry Grant Applications Available. Call the TreeLink Hotline for more information.
- 18 Pruning Landscape Trees & Shrubs. Washington Park Arboretum, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Call the Center for Urban Horticulture at (206) 685-8033 for additional information.
- 19-21 2000 Idaho Horticulture Conference & Trade Show - "The Best Little Show in the West." Boise Center on the Grove, Boise, Idaho. Contact Ann Bates at 1-800-INA-GROW or e-mail her at inagrow@svt.net.
- 22 ISA Certification Exam in Boise, Idaho. Call the Pacific Northwest Chapter of ISA (PNW-ISA) at (503) 585-4285.

February

- 1-3 Trees and Utilities National Conference. NADF, Nebraska City, NE. Contact the Lied Conference Center at 888-448-7337, for more information.
- 2-6 Northwest Flower and Garden Show, Seattle. Call (206) 789-5333 for more information.
- 3-4 Inland Northwest Tree, Turf, and Landscape Conference, Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Contact WSU Conferences & Institutes at 1-800-942-4972.
- 5 ISA Certification Exam at the Finch Arboretum, Spokane. Call the PNW-ISA for information.
- 12 ISA Certification Exam, Roseburg, Oregon. Call the PNW-ISA at (503) 585-4285.